

# ICVA Bulletin

Highlights from October 2022



A GLOBAL NGO NETWORK  
FOR PRINCIPLED AND EFFECTIVE  
HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## Dear Readers,

In this bulletin, we share the most recent news related to our focus areas of forced migration, humanitarian financing and coordination. We continue to transform the ICVA network to be more engaged in operationalizing principled humanitarian action, in addressing the impact of climate change on humanitarian action, pursuing being globally distributed and locally rooted, being diverse, inclusive and living our values, and proactively engaging in agile collaborative partnerships. Check more on the [transformations](#) of our ICVA2030 Strategy. We also share our updates from our regional hubs and so much more.

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## Message from Executive Director

### Well beyond the Capacity of the Humanitarian Sector: What next for Climate Change?

We face an unprecedented humanitarian crisis resulting from conflict, climate change and pandemics.

Humanitarian organizations are already helping the most vulnerable communities on the ground, however we are overstretched and are not able to meet all humanitarian needs. If the climate crisis continues on its current trajectory, the gap between needs and the ability to provide humanitarian services will continue to grow exponentially.

Key stakeholders around the world need to urgently invest in adaptation and ambitious mitigation action if we are to avert the worst outcomes of climate change. Keeping the global temperature rise to below 1.5°C is a humanitarian imperative. Adaptation and resilience options are increasingly limited, and losses and damages - both economic and non-economic - will rise. While some losses and damages caused by climate extremes are addressed through humanitarian action, majority of losses and damages go well beyond the capacity of the humanitarian sector to respond.

The debates around climate financing and losses and damages are contentious. Nations tend to have very different visions as to what this should look like.

Adequate climate finance and the urgent need to establish a Loss and Damage Facility is a key topic of discussion this year at COP27. This is a long-running issue throughout previous COPs.

At COP27, parties must outline how they will implement the commitment made in Glasgow to double adaptation finance to at least \$40 billion in 2025.

Finance for climate-change adaptation and risk reduction must reach fragile and conflict-affected countries, which are too often left behind, as well as the most vulnerable people within these countries. This must include support for climate action in contexts where displaced people take refuge and where they hope to safely return.

It's not only about the money.

It is also about diplomatic action, smarter financing and more effective responses to crises. Despite war ongoing in Ukraine and energy and food crises the needed diplomatic energy must remain focused on climate and on reducing the humanitarian needs.

COP26 was very much on the «what», COP27, opening 6 November, needs to focus much more on the «how». Parties must constructively take decisions by examining modalities for Loss and Damage finance, considering existing institutional arrangements and the options to mobilize grant-based finance, including through new and innovative sources, and providing new funding in addition to humanitarian and development funds.

In this edition of the Bulletin, you will read how [ICVA and its members](#) are contributing to hone in on the details of how to make even just the existing promises a reality. Whether it be on our contribution through our [learning streams](#), our [community of practice on climate and humanitarian action](#), on the adoption and support to implementation of the [Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations](#), on our [Nexus work](#), on convening the diversity of NGO leaders such as in Addis Ababa with African Union and IFRC ahead of the recent [High Level Food Security and Nutrition Conference](#).

**Ignacio Packer**  
Executive Director | ICVA

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## ICVA Updates



### ICVA Annual Conference

**THEME: The Right Time and the Right Place: Improving  
Access to Humanitarian Quality Funding**

17 March 2023

 Maison de la Paix, Geneva

**#ICVAconference2023**

#### **1. ICVA 2023 Annual Conference on 17 March 2023 and ICVA Membership Day on 16 March**

ICVA's 2023 Annual Conference will be held on Friday 17 March at Maison de la Paix, Geneva. The theme for the event will be: The right time and the right place: Improving access to humanitarian quality funding. The Conference will bring together members, States, donors, UN agencies, experts and other stakeholders to share their experiences, lessons learned, challenges and ways forward around the theme.

Main objectives of the conference include:

- Increase awareness and establish common understanding of the key challenges in humanitarian finance, including the need to look for solutions across the system, not only in increasing funding
- Examine the options for the future of the Grand Bargain and solidify NGO support for a preferred way forward
- Discuss the state of the localization, with a particular focus on further joint efforts to ensure effective resources and support are accessible by local partners
- Support peer exchange on NGO efforts to embed climate action and financing opportunities into humanitarian response.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, stage sessions, live Q&A, live streams and activities.

The day before, 16 March 2023 in Geneva, ICVA members will join for the ICVA Membership Day. Registration for the two events will open soon.

Check out more information on our [website](#) and [social media channels](#).

## 2. We are Hiring

We are currently recruiting a consultancy on Evidence-Based Research on Best Practices on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Community Engagement. With this consultancy, ICVA will research the impact of the PSEA Fund in raising community awareness on the risks of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse committed by aid workers. Check out [more information](#) and apply before 7 November 2022.



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## Forced Migration

### 3. Ukraine – Temporary Protection

Over the past few months, ICVA coordinated contributions from its members to a monitoring exercise of the implementation of the [Temporary Protection Directive](#) led by the UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe. On this basis, the new UNHCR report on "[Implementation of the Temporary Protection Monitoring: six months on](#)" was published. The report notably contains important key recommendations and emerging practices to address barriers to refugee rights. ICVA will continue to engage with its members and partners on ways forward.

### 4. Solutions to Internal Displacement

As part of their engagement in the follow-up to the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement, on 19 October, ICVA and InterAction organized a second exchange between their members and the Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement, Mr. Robert Piper. This meeting aimed to exchange on the Special Adviser's progress in his mandate and in setting up his office. NGOs such as [The Danish Refugee Council](#) and [International Rescue Committee](#) offered specific and targeted reflections. NGOs also stressed the importance of engaging with *inter alia* Member States, NGOs, peace-building actors, internally displaced populations, and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, to find solutions to internal displacement. Key takeaways notes will be circulated to members and InterAction and ICVA will continue to facilitate cooperation and synergies.

On Friday 28 October, ICVA's Head on Forced Migration, Jerome Elie, also contributed to a webinar organized by the [Global Engagement Network on Internal Displacement in Africa \(GENIDA\)](#), focused on '*Examining the United Nations Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement*'.

## 5. Local Solutions for Refugees

On 25 October, the UNHCR Division of Resilience and Solutions and ICVA organized a webinar based on their 2021 paper on "[Key Considerations on Local Solutions for Refugees](#)". Based on the Global Compact on Refugees' Solutions approach, particularly its paragraph 100, this paper aims to help develop a better understanding of how local solutions may contribute to durable solutions for refugees. Gathering participants from NGOs, UNHCR, academics, development actor and Member States, the objectives were to present those key considerations and the paper's rationale, collect feedback and discuss potential ways forward for local solutions approaches. This exercise was particularly geared to contribute to identifying good practices and potential pledges in view of the second Global Refugee Forum in December 2023. Notes of the meeting will be shared with participants.

## 6. UNHCR 73<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee

During UNHCR 73<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee (10-14 October), thanks to the inputs received from NGOs, two [NGO statements](#) were delivered on [The General Debate](#) and on [International Protection](#). The first highlighted actions and recommendations to promote self-reliance opportunities for displaced populations. In the second statement, while commending the response to the Ukraine crisis, NGOs insisted that resources should not be diverted from unmet humanitarian and protection needs worldwide.

The [reporting of this year's UNHCR-NGO Global Consultations](#) on "*Localization and Climate Action*" was also delivered by NGO and a UNHCR Rapporteurs. The reporting includes the [final recommendations](#) from the Consultations.

Finally, ICVA welcomed the adoption of the 2022 ExCom Conclusion on "[Mental Health and Psychosocial Support](#)." NGOs have been providing inputs and commenting on this process, notably through a [collective NGO statement](#) delivered at the September Standing Committee. Additional information on UNHCR 73<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee is available on [UNHCR's dedicated webpage](#).

## 7. 2022 NGO ExCom Side Event

On the margins of the UNHCR Executive Committee, ICVA organized with NGOs a side event on "[What's stopping us?: lessons learned from system wide shocks](#)" (14 October) focusing on the ripple effects of the Ukraine crisis on forced displacement worldwide. There are lessons we should have learned collectively from previous humanitarian crises, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impacts of climate change to better protect forcibly displaced population. Gathering Member States, NGOs, UNHCR, International Financial Institutions and speakers from [The Norwegian Refugee Council](#), [World Vision International](#) and [Global Refugee-Led Network](#), NGOs called for system reforms and equitable financing in responses to forced displacement, support to address the food and protection crisis, and reverse inequitable approaches to the international protection of refugees. A summary of the event is available on ICVA website [here](#).

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## 8. Migrants in Vulnerable Situations



### UN Network on Migration Annual meeting

The 4th Annual Meeting of the UN Network on Migration was organized in a hybrid format in Geneva and online on 18-19 October 2022. With over 700 participants attending, discussions focused on (i) the draft workplan of the Network for the period 2022-2024; (ii) the implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) at regional and country levels; (iii) the Migration Multi-Partner Trust Fund consultative forum; (iv) knowledge management and strategic communications; and (v) the way forward, marking expectations from all on the continued implementation of the GCM. Check [a video link to all sessions and a summary](#) of the meeting.

### Upcoming Report by the Special Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights

The Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Ms. Alexandra Xanthaki, invites inputs for her report on cultural rights and migration that will be presented in March 2023. Input should be sent to [hrc-sr-culturalrights@un.org](mailto:hrc-sr-culturalrights@un.org) by 25 November 2022. Check for more [information](#).

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## Financing

### 9. The Future of the Grand Bargain

Discussions are currently underway among Grand Bargain signatories to determine the future of the initiative following the June 2023 conclusion of the Grand Bargain 2.0. Grand Bargain NGO signatories as well as local partners met in individual sessions at the end of October to discuss preferences for revisions to the Grand Bargain.

### 10. UN Partnerships – Conditions of Funding

In 4-7 October, ICVA participated in a UNHCR Partners Workshop convened with top UNHCR funded NGO partners in Geneva. The discussions were open, frank, and constructive with a strong level of collective reflection. Key reforms presented by UNHCR include the expanded shift to multi-year planning with layered Partnership Agreements, the adoption of the PROMS project management system as an accelerator of change across all stages of the partnership cycles, and financial reforms.

ICVA also attended the WFP Annual Partnership Consultation on 25-27 October around “*Partnering to turn the tide against hunger.*” Preliminary results of the Field Level Agreement Partner Survey were presented by WFP as the start of the conversation to change their partnership model. WFP will distill partners’ feedback into a plan of action. Check out more information on the [2022 WFP APC](#). A more detailed readout of both consultations, including a discussion of next steps, will be shared with the ICVA Humanitarian Finance Working Group.

- For ICVA members that want to join the group or engage more directly in the work on UN partnerships, contact [manon.glaser@icvanetwork.org](mailto:manon.glaser@icvanetwork.org).

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## Coordination

### 11. Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

The **Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG)** convened on 11 October. It discussed the work of the Task Force 1 on Centrality of Protection, highlighting the need to also build upon the findings of the IASC Protection Review and underscoring the role of the newly appointed IASC co-Champions on protection (UNHCR and InterAction).

OPAG also discussed the ongoing work of Task Force 2 on Accountability to Affected People (AAP), focusing on the Collective AAP Framework, Results Tracker and Feedback Mechanism workstreams. Some of these tools are being field tested and there was agreement on the need to further strengthen their contextualization and adaptation at country level in support of the country-based humanitarian leadership and operational coordination. Other subjects discussed during the OPAG meeting included the Global Coordination Group; ongoing work of the Humanitarian Programme Cycle Steering Group; the work of the Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support Reference Group as well as the OPAG Forward Agenda and Ways of Working.

#### **Somalia Advocacy and Communications Strategy for IASC Principals**

As part of efforts to strengthen advocacy capacity within the IASC, OCHA and ICVA spearheaded a 12-month [Somalia Advocacy and Communications strategy](#) with the participation of advocacy focal points across IASC member organizations. The strategy aims to leverage both the comparative advantages of individual IASC members and the collective voice of the IASC to boost public and private advocacy and ensure coherence around humanitarian diplomacy efforts.

### 12. Coordination with Humanitarian Response Actors

ICVA attended the Partners Day of the annual **Humanitarian Coordinator's Retreat** in Montreux, which brought together the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinators (RC/HC) and Deputy Humanitarian Coordinators from around the world in a series of exchanges. ICVA's Head of Coordination was also invited to join a special event on the role of the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator.

**Members meeting with Humanitarian Coordinator:** On 7 October, ICVA hosted a meeting for members in Geneva and in the region with Mr. Gianluca Rampolla del Tindaro, Humanitarian Coordinator for Venezuela and Mr. Samir Elhawary, Deputy HC. This was a chance for members to exchange with the UN leadership on the evolving situation in Venezuela including to highlight key changes in the macro context and how these could contribute to changes in the response.

**Members meeting with OCHA:** In collaboration with the InterAction Humanitarian Directors Group, ICVA organized a roundtable with Reena Ghelani, Director of OCHA Operations and Advocacy Division. During this exchange, members heard of OCHA strategic priorities and key operational focus areas for the coming months. NGOs raised a range of coordination issues and priorities for discussion.

On 11 October, ICVA hosted a meeting for members with Greg Puley, OCHA Section Chief for MENA Region. The discussion focused on the situation and operational or advocacy priorities in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq.



**Peer 2 Peer Support Mission:** ICVA supported NGO engagement in a virtual Peer 2 Peer Support Mission to Myanmar. Representatives of NRC and Mercy Corps joined UN colleagues from UNICEF, WFP and UNHCR. The team was led by former RC/HC Ross Mountain.

**Geneva based members meeting with GenCap and ProCap:** On 14 October, ICVA together with GenCap and ProCap hosted an exchange between the senior advisors from Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Honduras, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Yemen with the ICVA members in Geneva. The discussion focused on localization and participants shared their programmatic experience, including successes and challenges, when working to strengthen local voices, bridge between local, national and international actors and facilitate local participation in gender and protection programming and decision-making structures.

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### **Update on IASC Task Force 3**

The IASC Task Force 3 on Preserving Humanitarian space met in October to discuss the rollout of the IASC framework on Bureaucratic and Administrative Impediments and the development of monitoring indicators. To date, the framework has been rolled out with four HCTs. The taskforce was also updated on the draft IASC paper on sanctions and the draft IASC position on beneficiary vetting, with discussions on upcoming sanctions regimes.

## **13. NGO Fora Support**

### **Strengthening Collective NGO Action in Humanitarian Settings: Annual Conference for NGO Forum Secretariat Members**

ICVA participated in the InterAction's 10th Annual NGO Coordination Conference from 17 to 21 October in Washington DC. Around 20 NGO Fora representatives from all over the world attended the conference, whose aim was to:

- Gain a deeper understanding of each other's work (including challenges and best practices) as well as the work of InterAction
- Feed into the design of the expansion of support from InterAction to NGO forums in humanitarian settings globally
- Better get to know each other as frontrunners advancing collective NGO action within the humanitarian system

There were two overarching questions heading into the conference: "*What do you need and how can we help you achieve it?*" and "*How can we better elevate the voices of NGO forum secretariats within the global humanitarian system?*". Discussions featured Bureaucratic Access Impediments, humanitarian architecture and protection.

### **NGO Fora Leadership Exchange**

A National NGO Fora leadership exchange took place in Geneva from 3-6 October. The event was a chance for leaders of local networks to meet and exchange on a variety of topics with several Geneva-based organizations, including CCHN, CHS, Geneva Call, OCHA, NGO representatives from the NGO Forward group and the Canton of Geneva. Our thanks to all who made this event a success, and special thanks to the Canton of Geneva for funding the event. The event outlined the value in bringing together international organizations and local actors. Local actors are a vital component of the frontline response but face specific challenges that too often remain unaddressed. They also achieve great successes that are seldom recognized. ICVA will continue supporting similar exchanges in the future.

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## 14. Humanitarian Access Influencing

**ICVA Humanitarian Access Working Group** met in October to discuss approaches to monitoring bureaucratic and administrative impediments and the work of different agencies in monitoring access. The group also heard about the Presence Proximity Protection: Building capacity to safeguard humanitarian space project. This ECHO funded project aims to improve the humanitarian community's effectiveness in responding to the issue of shrinking humanitarian space, through supporting compliance with International Humanitarian Law and improving humanitarian coordination. The next step involves identifying the top priority recommendations for taking forward. The consortium has developed a survey to gather your views on which recommendations should be prioritized. [Please click here to participate in the survey](#) by 11 November.

- For more information and expressions of interest, contact [eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org](mailto:eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org).

## 15. COVID-19

### The UN System-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

The UN vaccination programme will continue throughout 2022. Currently, the Programme is distributing Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) and Sinopharm vaccines to country teams upon request. In the coming weeks, they will initiate a new drive with Moderna vaccine which includes pediatric formulation approved by the UN Medical Directors Network for children aged 6+. Toward the year's end there will be the updated bivalent boosters that specifically target the Omicron variant.

Please contact the UN core team at [covidvaccines@un.org](mailto:covidvaccines@un.org) if you wish to avail of staff vaccinations.

### COVAX Humanitarian Buffer

The Humanitarian Buffer will be phased out by 31 December 2022. Despite the good intentions, sound rationale and significant resourcing of the COVAX Humanitarian Buffer, since its inception in early 2021 only 1% of its intended target of 155 million people in humanitarian settings has been reached with COVID-19 vaccines. No NGO was successful in accessing vaccines through the Buffer.

The phase out of the Buffer means there is no independent humanitarian mechanism for NGOs to access COVID-19 vaccines and the problems underpinning the model have yet to be resolved. NGOs are encouraged to contact the COVAX vaccine delivery partnership to support vaccination roll-out in humanitarian settings, as it remains off track in many contexts.

- For more information and expressions of interest, contact [eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org](mailto:eileen.morrow@icvanetwork.org).
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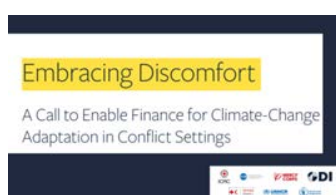
# Transforming our Network

## 16. Champion Principled Humanitarian Action

### Global Perspectives 2022: Transforming Civil Society Futures - 30 November (virtual)

There is collective pressure to do more in the sector to bring about change. This year's open, accessible and free online event will challenge civil society organizations and their partners in how fast they are actually transforming. [Book](#) your spot.

## 17. Address Impact of Climate Change on Humanitarian Action



### Embracing Discomfort: A Call to enable Finance for Climate-change Adaptation in Conflict Settings

This policy paper is jointly issued by the International Committee for the Red Cross, ODI, the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), Mercy Corps, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, World Food Programme and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. It explores the political will needed for the international community to step out of its comfort zone when it comes to channelling climate finance for climate-change adaptation. The current mechanisms for climate finance are characterized by low-risk appetites, inflexibility of scales, and siloed structures that inhibit collaboration. Check out the [recommendations and examples of good practices](#) to address the gaps in climate finance for vulnerable populations.

[Read the Paper](#)



### COP27 Engagement

On 6 November, the global climate community will gather in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, to kick off the 27th United Nations' Conference of Parties (COP27). ICVA is collating key messages, reports, and other resources in one [COP27 engagement document](#) that will be useful for organizations on advocacy and engagement. Check out our [Climate Change and Humanitarian Action webpage](#) for updates on the conference and other latest information.

[Explore More](#)

- For more information visit ICVA's [Climate and Environment webpage](#), or contact [nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org](mailto:nishanie.jayamaha@icvanetwork.org).

## 18. Be Globally Distributed and Locally Rooted

### Localisation

#### IASC Task Force (TF) 5 on Localisation

Meetings and discussions were held by the IASC TF5 and the three workstreams on IASC Guidance on the meaningful participation of local actors in the Humanitarian coordination platform resourcing and funding to continue its efforts to achieve the agreed upon objectives. OCHA and ICVA is co leading on the workstream on the IASC Guidance and there have been different achievements on:

- Review and share a summary from OCHA global report on the progress and indicators linked to the IASC guidance.
- Engage four local actors from MENA, Africa, and Asia so the local actors can contribute and be consulted on the main steps and activities in the future.
- Translate the [IASC guidance](#) into different languages.
- Agree on additional disseminating activities such as events and webinars as opportunities for dialogue with different actors on localization, with a focus on what are the opportunities and barriers so far.

Finally, there is a current discussion on how to compile best practices from regional and in country perspectives that can be widely shared and exchanges with key members for learning and inspiration.

#### Request for Public Comments on the Draft USAID Policy For Localization of Humanitarian Assistance

The policy outlines USAID's phased trajectory for advancing the localization of humanitarian assistance from 2023 through 2028. It provides high-level guidance and strategic direction for USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and applies to BHA efforts in both humanitarian response and early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) efforts.

The draft Policy is open to public inputs till 9 November 2022. ICVA members can either send comments via the [webform](#) or share inputs to the policy through ICVA.

In agreement with USAID/BHA, ICVA is submitting its responses to the draft policy as a collective, and we are offering our members the opportunity to provide feedback and additional input to the draft policy.

Share your additional inputs by sending an email to the ICVA focal point on Localisation, [eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org](mailto:eman.ismail@icvanetwork.org) by 8 November 2022.

#### Humanitarian Development Peace (HDP) Nexus

There will be a bi-monthly Community of Practice Network (CoPN) call on 16 November at 13.00 Iraq time. Speakers will include Jacquelyn Foster, Executive Director for NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq, and David Ball, Education Coordinator for Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid. For more information and to RSVP, contact, Stephanie Yousef at [stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org](mailto:stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org).

- Members can join the ICVA NEXUS Working Group mailing list, by sending an email to [stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org](mailto:stephanie.yousef@icvanetwork.org).

## 19. Be Diverse, Inclusive and Live our Values

### Safeguarding

#### Webinar - Lessons from the Safeguarding Mentorship Programme in the RSH Africa Hub - 10 November

For the last two years, the Resource and Support Hub (RSH) has been delivering safeguarding mentorship in the Africa Hub. As this flagship activity comes to a close, it is time to reflect on the impact it has had for those involved and any lessons that can be learned more broadly.

The virtual webinar will be held on 10 November and is designed to explore how the mentorship program was delivered in Ethiopia, Nigeria and South Sudan. Participants will hear about the model for safeguarding established by this program as well as insights gained from its execution across the three regions. [Register](#) for the webinar and sign up for their [newsletter](#) for more information.

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## Region Specific

### 20. Africa

#### Eastern and Southern Africa

##### Survey: 2023 East Africa UNHCR-NGO Regional Consultations

UNHCR would like your feedback to help identify themes for discussion at the upcoming UNHCR consultations with NGOs in 2023 in the East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes Regional Bureau, which covers 11 countries including Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. The consultations are expected to take place in the first half of 2023 and the outcomes will feed into the 2024 global UNHCR consultations with NGOs. Complete the [survey](#) by 14 November 2022.

##### Civil Society and Local Action Day Addis Ababa, 9 October 2022

Ahead of the recent African Union [High-level Food Security and Nutrition Conference](#), civil society leaders convened to explore, discuss and agree on **locally led solutions and policy messages**.

In recognition of the critical role of civil society in tackling the food security crisis now and in the years to come, the civil society leaders called for ambitious and collective actions to respond to the worst food crisis in Africa in decades. Read the [conclusions and recommendations](#) that were presented to the Conference.

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#### West and Central Africa

## Regional IASC (RIASC)

The RIASC focused in October on:

- The degradation of the situation in Burkina Faso with the intervention of Humanitarian Coordinator/ Regional Coordinator HC/RC Burkina Faso;
- The continuous degradation of the situation of the coastal countries. OCHA is supporting in working on contingency plans of some of the countries and the establishment of a coordination system, particularly between the United Nations and NGOs. OCHA and ICVA are engaging jointly with NGO coordination in Togo and Bénin;
- The Humanitarian – UNDP stabilization dialogue. Proposed to the RIASC for endorsement, the recapitulation of the dialogue sessions offers avenues of support to countries to implement a similar dialogue. Recap to be presented to RC/HC.

## Sahel Regional Fund (SRF)

The SRF is a new humanitarian fund to address the crisis in the Sahel region. It is hosted by the Danish Refugee Council, governed and led by leading NGOs in Sahel and financially supported by UK aid (FCDO). ICVA contributes on the board which is working on finalizing the operation manual framing the fund governance and management. Check out more [information](#).

## Forum Paix et Sécurité de Dakar

On the margins of the Dakar Peace and Security Forum (24-25 October), a dialogue was hosted by the Sahel Coalition and co-chaired by UNOWAS with the active participation and support of OCHA, NCR and ICRC. The resulting recommendations on protection of civilians and IHL in Central Sahel feeds into humanitarian dialogues such as the EU upcoming meetings hosted by the Czech presidency and the EU-ECOWAS summit on 5 December in Brussels.

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA Africa Working Group List, please connect with [addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org](mailto:addis.tesfa@icvanetwork.org) or [adeline.benita@icvanetwork.org](mailto:adeline.benita@icvanetwork.org).

## 21. Asia and the Pacific

### Webinar on Addressing Durable Solutions to Disaster Displacement in Asia Pacific

The webinar was conducted by ICVA in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Disaster Displacement Working Group co-chaired by IOM and UNDRR for Regional Resident Coordinators in October. The purpose of this initiative was to introduce the Secretary-General Action Agenda on Internal Displacement and share examples from the region on solutions to internal displacement. This is intended to be the first step in creating a broader interagency community of practice in the region on durable solutions to IDP situations. ICVA's ongoing engagement seeks to ensure there is a space for NGOs in this discussion.

### Pakistan Floods Devastating Communities

ICVA has been following closely the devastating floods in Pakistan and held discussions with NGOs at both country level as well global level to ensure feedback into Global IASC discussions. Recently, ICVA Asia Deputy Representative went to meet members working at the province level.

### Peer-to-Peer Mission in Myanmar

Ahead of the virtual Peer-to-Peer Mission in Myanmar, ICVA facilitated an orientation for NGOs on the process and opportunities of such activities and what to expect in the follow-up.

### **ICVA Asia Members and Partnership Meetings**

ICVA, Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network (ADRRN), Community World Service Asia (CWSA), and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), are collectively planning a Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week (RHPW) 2022, which will primarily be face-to-face, with some hybrid sessions. The event will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 9-14 December 2022.

Check our [website](#) for more information and registration.

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## **22. Latin America Region**

### **Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan**

On Wednesday, 30 November, the Regional Refugee and Migrant response plan will be launched as part of the work done by the R4V platform. More information will be shared in the coming days.

### **UNHCR's 2023 Regional Consultations with NGOs**

As part of the ICVA collaboration with UNHCR, we are preparing for next year's regional consultations. Check and complete the [survey](#) to gather information from NGO organizations on the issues that most interest them for the 2023 consultations.

### **Resurgence of Cholera in Haiti**

The Pan American Health Organization is concerned about the [cholera outbreak in Haiti](#), highlighting the difficult access to healthcare services. UNICEF is coordinating interventions related to water, hygiene and sanitation in order to cut the transmission of cholera.

### **New U.S. Migration Process for Venezuelans**

Regulations for Venezuelans have changed in the United States of America. Get more information in the [R4V regional FAQ](#) regarding the recent US policy regarding Venezuelan refugees and migrants, the "Process for Venezuelans."

- For more information or to be included in the ICVA Latam mailing list, contact [lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org](mailto:lina.gomez@icvanetwork.org).

## **23. MENA**

## ADVANCING NEXUS IN THE MENA REGION BREAKING THE SILOS

RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION  
OF THE STATE OF HUMANITARIAN  
DEVELOPMENT-PEACE (HDP) NEXUS  
IN THE MENA REGION

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## 2022 Annual Members and Partners Meeting in MENA

On 11 October 2022, ICVA in MENA held its annual members and partners meeting. Over 70 members and partners joined to discuss current regional trends, priorities, the NEXUS and funding environment. ICVA's new publication on "Advancing NEXUS in the MENA Region: Breaking the Silos" was launched during this meeting. Access the [report](#) and more information about the members day [event](#).

[Read the Report](#)

## Women Leadership Training Program

ICVA hosted 22 women leaders from Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Libya, Iraq, and oPt for a tailored training program from 31 October to 3 November on how to better engage with the humanitarian coordination platform. Through this program, ICVA aims to identify opportunities for influencing engagement and gaps around funding, leadership, representation in decision making within humanitarian response structures, cycles and mechanisms and long-term perspectives. Check more information about the [program](#).

## Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) Stakeholders Event

The Regional Working Group for GiHA, UNICEF is joining with other GiHA members, including UN Women, Oxfam, ICVA MENA and others, to promote analysis and advance gender equality in humanitarian action. GiHA is currently planning for a Stakeholders Event to be held in January - February 2023. The objectives of the Stakeholders event are centered around strengthening WLOs, WROs, GLO, feminist organizations representation and active participation in the management and coordination processes of humanitarian systems, as well as strengthening localization strategies in contexts of humanitarian action. This initiative is built on previous and ongoing analysis (carried out by GiHA) and ongoing coordination (led by ICVA and others) in this space.

## Durable Solutions Platform (DSP) Regional Learning Workshop Practical Approaches to Displacement in the Middle East' DSP

The DSP Regional Learning Workshop will be held in Amman on 21-22 November, with a focus on the integrated programming approaches being used to respond holistically to displacement-affected communities' needs, priorities, risks and vulnerabilities, as well as general context challenges. These multi- and inter-sectoral approaches, which intentionally combine activities from different sectors are emerging as an encouraging model to increase humanitarian outcomes and effectively support pathways toward durable solutions outcomes. Evidence and experiences of integrated programming, including area-based programming, the graduation approach and locally led responses can highlight best practices and learning and prompt new questions on how, in practical terms, these approaches can be operationalized. ICVA Representative in MENA will facilitate the session on Localisation. Check the concept note, agenda and [registration](#) details.

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## Learning Opportunities

### **24. Launch of a New Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) on Operation Research for Humanitarians**

The Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies has launched a new MOOC in partnership with Aga Khan University and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The free course helps you bridge the gap between research and practice to improve the lives of people in emergencies. Access the content through a simple registration on [Coursera](#).

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## New and Noteworthy

### **25. 2022 Global Hunger Index**

The [report](#), prepared by Concern Worldwide and their Alliance2015 partner Welthungerhilfe, details how a toxic cocktail of conflict, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic has left millions exposed to food price shocks and other crises.

### **26. ALNAP's Survey to reach more Humanitarians with Critical Learning**

ALNAP are looking to strengthen their visibility and engagement. Complete their 10 minutes [survey](#) by 7 November 2022 to help them achieve this goal.

### **27. Navigating Standards for Humanitarian Assistance**

The Humanitarian Standards Partnership has released a new website and navigation tool to make humanitarian standards more accessible. [Explore](#).

### **28. Revision of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS)**

The [revision](#) is an opportunity for CHS to further build their collective knowledge of what people-centred accountability means and the actions needed to transform the aid system. Get involved by reviewing the standard text or organizing a consultation event.

### **29. Making the Invisible Visible – An Evidence-based Analysis of Gender in the Regional Response to the War in Ukraine**

A regional task force of 40 organizations has published a [report](#) analyzing gender in the humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine.

### **30. Preparing for the Unpredictable: Ensuring the Protection and Inclusion of Refugees from Ukraine in Romania and Moldova**

This [report by Refugees International](#) highlights recent findings and recommendations from their research trip to Romania and Moldova while examining how stakeholders approach a shift from an emergency humanitarian response towards one more tailored to supporting integration.

### **31. The Pledge for Change 2030**

The Pledge for Change is the result of a process convened by Adeso, in which INGO leaders in the Global North have heeded challenges to their ways of working from those based in the Global South. The pledge builds on previous commitments: the Charter for Change and the Grand Bargain, in pursuit of the Global Goals agreed by world leaders in 2015. See [Pledge for Change](#), reimagining the role of INGOs in global humanitarian and development aid system.

### 32. PSEA at the Frontline

The [initiative](#), developed by the World Food Programme and the International Organization for Migration in partnership with Translators without Borders, aims to help frontline workers identify and report sexual exploitation and abuse as well as become strategic allies in its prevention.

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## Agenda

- November 1-3:** [Save the date: The 6th Asia-Pacific Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action](#)
- November 1-3:** [Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation World Summit](#)
- November 5:** Webinar on '[Flash Flood Forecasting System for Enhancing Community Resilience to Climate Change](#)' by All India Disaster Mitigation Institute and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
- November 9:** UNHCR-NGO quarterly consultation on "UNHCR's engagement with Development Banks"
- November 10:** [Webinar - Lessons from the Safeguarding Mentorship Programme in the RSH Africa Hub](#)
- November 11:** [Call for Public Review: Developing indicators on Displacement for Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- November 14:** [2023 East Africa UNHCR-NGO Regional Consultations Survey](#)
- November 17:** [Brussels launch of the ALNAP SOHS report 2022](#)
- November 18:** [AIDMI Roundtable on Global Recovery and Preparedness for the Pandemic](#)
- November 30:** [Global Perspectives 2022](#)

- December 1:** Launch of the 2023 Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO)
- December 6-8:** ICVA Asia Pacific Regional Women Leadership training
- December 7-8:** [UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges](#)
- December 7-8:** Global Humanitarian Policy Forum (virtual)
- December 8:** [ALNAP Webinar: Are humanitarians paying enough attention to learning on the frontline?](#)
- December 9-14:** [Registration - Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week 2022](#)
- December 10:** ICVA Asia Pacific Annual Membership Meeting
- December 11:** Asia Pacific Fora Exchange Meeting
- December 18:** [International Migrants Day](#)

### 2023

- March 16:** ICVA Membership Day, Geneva
- March 17:** [ICVA Annual Conference, Geneva](#)

- April 26-28:** [2023 Humanitarian Leadership Conference](#)

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